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REPORT

SUBJECT 1. Ice Conditions in the Kara Sea DATE DISTR. 2 February 1959  
 2. Soviet Naval Vessels in Kolskiy Zaliv  
 3. Oil Lighter in Arkhangelsk NO. PAGES 1

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Att.Subject

- 1 Ice conditions in the Kara Sea.
- 2 Oil lighter in Arkhangelsk roads; price of oil was \$29.90 per ton. Sketch showing location of lumber mills and distance from each to lighter.
- 3 Description of three destroyers, [redacted] observed in Kolskiy Zaliv and supply ship [redacted]

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Observations in this report

2. A Supply Ship [redacted] was seen anchored in position  $66^{\circ} 59' 12''$ N  $41^{\circ} 24' E$  [redacted] Vessel was approximately 300ft. long and of 3000 G.R.T. A fleet of small boats were plying backwards and forwards from the ship to the shore.

3. 3 destroyers were seen carrying out Gunnery Practice off the KOIA INLET [redacted]

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SEA AREA BRIEF

W [redacted]  
H  $70^{\circ}N$   $34^{\circ}E$ . Courses and speeds as requisite for gunnery practice.  
Y Two miles south of above position. Course  $315^{\circ}$ . Speed 9 knots.  
D Good visibility.  
O Perfect freedom, but too far away for photography.  
F Two squat raked funnels.  
I [redacted]  
L Approximately 400ft.  
M One tripod forward of foremost funnel and one smaller tripod forward of after funnel.  
S Break under bridge.  
T One turret forward. Two turrets aft. [redacted]  
A Torpedo tubes between funnels and possibly another set aft of after funnel.  
R A large assortment of radar aerials on both masts.  
S No ensign flying but a red hammer and sickle on the forward funnel [redacted] One vessel was towing a large Battle Practice target and was too far away for positive identification.

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1. NAVIGATION - ICE CONDITIONS

the KARA STRAIT was closed owing to ice.

the straits were passed because a Soviet cargo ship "DOLGOBORSKIIS" arrived and directed the sailing through the straits.

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through the KARA SEA drifting ice was constantly. "Agency of Kara Sea Ice Operations" informed by radio which waters were negotiable. The drifting ice farther east, near YAMAL, was the easiest to navigate. Further west in the KARA SEA the ice drifts were denser. that there must have been a solid belt of ice along NOVAYA ZEMLYA and the drifting ice came from that area.

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North of BYELY ISL. there was very thick ice and in open waters there was a considerable amount of drifting ice.

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2. SHIPPING

NW of RAGOZIN PT (BYELY ISL.) 3 vessels were seen steering NE. The vessels were a cargoship approx. 10 000 tons and two rather small escorting naval vessels. The cargo ship was laden and had large boxes as deck cargo.

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at PESCHANY PT 10-12 vessels were seen steering on a south easterly course.

The vessels displayed position lights and sailed together without any apparant formation being held.

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1. A large lighter is anchored in Arkhangelsk roads in the approximate position of 64°32'N 40°30'E. Refueling can take place from the lighter when the refueling ship moors alongside it.
2. The approximate position was determined on basis of the following distance table which lists the distances in nautical miles from known mills to the lighter's location:

From the pilot station to the control station: 15 N.M.  
 From the control station to the oil lighter: 16 N.M.

Loading Berths Between the Control Station and the Oil Lighter:

Mill No. 26	to the oil lighter	11.5 N.M.
Mill No. 24	"	10.5 N.M.
Mill No. 25	"	9.5 N.M.
Mill No. 23	"	9.0 N.M.
Mill No. 22	"	9.0 N.M.
Mill No. 14	"	6.0 N.M.
Mill No. 16/17	"	4.0 N.M.
Props Quay (sic)	"	7.0 N.M.

Loading Berths South and West of the Oil Lighter:

Mill No. 9/10	to the oil lighter	2.0 N.M.
Mill No. 5/7	"	4.5 N.M.
Mill No. 3	"	3.0 N.M.
Mill No. 2	"	7.0 N.M.

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3. The oil storage facility [REDACTED] said to be located "on one of the islands across from the city, but ships cannot come in there."
- [REDACTED]

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